

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

OMB Approved
No. 1024-0009
B-1583

REVIEW SHEET

Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

Property: 104 EAST BIDDLE ST., BALTIMORE, MD. Project No.: _____

Historic District: MOUNT VERNON
11-19-87 date initial application received by State _____ date(s) additional information requested by State
11-19-87 date complete information received by State _____
_____ date of this transmittal to NPS _____
Inspection of property by State staff? ☒ no ☐ yes date(s): _____

☒ There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.
☐ There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

NUMBER	This property involves:												
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NUMBER	Complete item(s) below as appropriate.
2	<p>(1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as <u>19TH & EARLY 20TH</u></p> <p>(2) The property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> contributes <input type="checkbox"/> does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feeling <input type="checkbox"/> association _____ Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section _____, page _____.</p> <p>(3) For properties less than 50 years old: _____ the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution. _____ the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing. _____ there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.</p> <p>(4) For preliminary determinations: A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district: _____ Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within _____ months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.) _____ Nomination was submitted to the NPS on _____. _____ Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months. _____ Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months. _____ Other, explain: _____</p> <p>B. Evaluation of the property: _____ Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation _____ Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D Criteria Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G</p> <p>(5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and: _____ appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation. _____ does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.</p>

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Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

BUILT IN 1863, THIS STRUCTURE REFLECTS THE QUEEN ANNE STYLE AND ALTHOUGH LARGER THAN MOST, IT IS TYPICAL OF THE DESIGN, MATERIAL, AND WORKMANSHIP FOUND THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. SOME MINOR ALTERATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON THE INTERIOR WHEN THE BUILDING WAS USED AS DOCTOR'S OFFICES, BUT FOR THE MOST PART, THE ORIGINAL ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES REMAIN INTACT.

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State Official Recommendation:

- This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by MICHAEL DAY,
a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.
- ☒ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
 - ☐ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
 - ☐ The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
 - ☐ The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
 - ☐ The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
 - ☐ The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
 - ☐ potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
 - ☐ registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
 - ☐ The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
 - ☐ Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

☐ Detailed NPS review recommended ☐ Precedent-setting case ☐ Forwarded without recommendation

12-10-87
Date


State Official Signature

☐ See attachments:

NPS Comments:

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 1 — EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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NRIS No:

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Project No:

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Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: N/A **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST**
Address of property: Street 104 East Biddle Street
City Baltimore County _____ State Maryland Zip 21202
Name of historic district: Mount Vernon
☐ National Register district ☒ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Project contact:

Name David W. Ralston
Street 11718 Bowman Green Drive City Reston
State Virginia Zip 22090 Daytime Telephone Number (703) 471-4437

4. Owner:

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name David W. Ralston Signature David W. Ralston Date 11-18-87
Organization Mount Vernon Heights Associates
Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number 54-1412981
Street 11718 Bowman Green Drive City Reston
State Virginia Zip 22090 Daytime Telephone Number (703) 471-4437

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application — Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office/Telephone No:

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—
PART 1**

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Property Name

104 East Biddle Street

Property Address Baltimore, MD 21202

Project Number:

5. Description of physical appearance:

The Building is within Baltimore's Mount Vernon Historic District, located on the northwest corner of Biddle and Calvert Streets. On Biddle the building is approximately 85 feet wide and its depth is approximately 25 feet. It is all brick with an English basement, three stories and a full height attic. Constructed in 1883 in the Queen Anne style, its exterior features steep slate roofs, a beautifully detailed red chimney, decorative brick string courses and arches, large windows with carved brownstone trim, stained glass in lower windows and front entry, a brownstone base and an arched entry of two separated double leaf doors.

The interior spaces have remained largely undisturbed except for partitions for doctors' offices and kitchen areas. The stairwells, fireplaces and mantels, trim, doorways and windows are original.

Date of Construction: 1883 Source of Date: City Records and notations by workmen

Date(s) of Alteration(s): Ca 1945--Mechanical, electrical and plumbing update. Minor
subpartitions at this time for doctors' office.

Has building been moved? ☐ yes ☒ no. If so, when? _____

6. Statement of significance:

Building within the Baltimore Mount Vernon Historic District. The Historic District contains excellent examples of masonry and stone mid to late nineteenth century buildings that display styles and types of architectural ornamentation popular during this era. The Mount Vernon area was a prime residential section of a wealthy city. This building is particularly prominent in both its exterior and interior workmanship and in the fact that it has been retained. Modifications to the building have largely been interior to accommodate the use of the structure for doctors' offices.

7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application. See Photos submitted for Part 2, especially Set #1 through 1E. See also attached map of District.

Continuation sheets attached: ☐ yes ☒ no

MOUNT VERNON

Baltimore City Historic District Ordinance 229 5/21/64; 970
 4/17/67; 1065 6/27/67; 316 12/16/68; 324 5/17/77; 1187 10/12/79
 National Register of Historic Places 11/11/71
 Certified Historic District for Tax Incentives 6/19/80

(The Baltimore City Historic District encompasses a smaller
 National Register Historic District.)

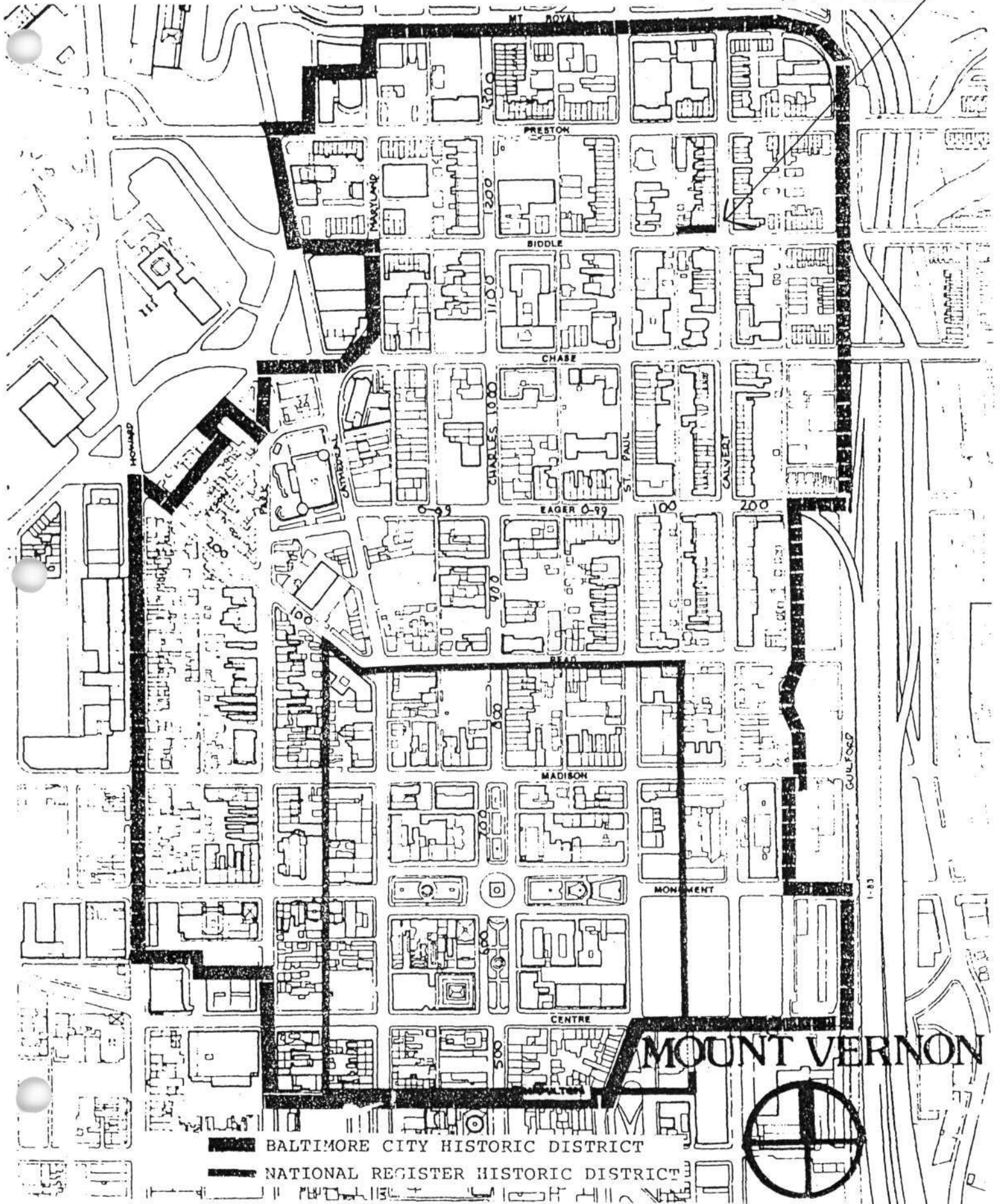
Description:

The Mount Vernon Historic district encompasses some forty city blocks immediately surrounding and north of Mount Vernon Place. The district takes in mansion houses, townhouses, early luxury apartments, monuments, institutions of art and learning, and churches. There is a diversity of building types, styles and uses that feature a grand scale, high degree of decoration and classical elegance. Mount Vernon Place is a cross-shaped park area featuring four landscaped squares radiating from the Washington Monument. Large mansions, such as the Gladding House; institutions, such as the Peabody Institute and Walters Art Gallery; elegant townhouses; and the Mount Vernon Methodist Church front on the park-like squares. Renaissance Revival, Italianate, Second Empire, Greek Revival, Queen Anne and Richardsonian Romanesque style townhouses can be found throughout the district. Housing ranges from the enormous Winans House to the ornate row called Belvidere Terrace to the tiny gabled roof houses of Tyson Street. Many noteworthy, ornate churches dot the area. Largely Gothic, the churches often feature brownstone construction and lofty spires. Many other nineteenth and twentieth century buildings both, commercial and residential, contribute to Mount Vernon's historic character.

Significance

The Mount Vernon area is significant for its fine architecture and public squares, and associations to important people. Mount Vernon Place is a unique American square that is distinguishable in shape and design from most other urban places in the country. Differing in style, the structures around Mount Vernon Place retain a grand scale and excellent design that reinforces this urban space as Baltimore's finest. The residential, commercial and institutional buildings of the Mount Vernon District are among the most elaborate nineteenth and early twentieth century structures in Baltimore. Many noteworthy architects designed the buildings in this district. They include Stanford White, Robert Carey Long, Baldwin and Pennington, John Russell Pope, Wyatt and Nolting, Parker and Thomas, and J. A. Wilson. Many important people that lived in the Mount Vernon community played a great role in the history of Baltimore and the founding and development of important local institutions. Among these people are: George Peabody, Enoch Pratt, William and Henry Walters, Henry August Rowland, Johns Hopkins, Emily Post and Ira Remsen.

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104 E. Biddle St.



MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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MAG#0415835904

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: 104 East Biddle Street				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 104 East Biddle Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY:	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: JOHN A MYERS & WF				
STREET AND NUMBER: 104 E BIDDLE ST.				
CITY OR TOWN: BALT.			STATE: MARYLAND	21202
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: RECORDS OFFICE, ROOM 601				
STREET AND NUMBER: BALTIMORE CITY COURTHOUSE				
CITY OR TOWN: BALTIMORE			STATE: MARYLAND	21202
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1975 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Commission for Hist. and Archit. Pres.				
STREET AND NUMBER: Room 900 26 S. Calvert Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland	21202

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This ^{detached} 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ story brick house with its steeply pitched gabled roof has many windows, the surrounds of which are stone, including lintels and sills. Up to the four foot level from the ground, the house is constructed of rusticated stone punctuated by square "basement" windows, a foot above the ground. The front of the house which is 8 bays wide, laid in running bond, appears divided into sections, the surfaces broken by projections and indentations — nothing is flush with anything else.

To the extreme left is a section with gable top, then a section with the pitched roof, then another section with gable top, followed by a large chimney, then a plain area which forms the corner of the building, and around the corner, a gabled top section facing Calvert Street.

The main entrance (full arched stone) is gained by 7 steps. To the left of the doorway is a large square stained glass window beneath which is carved in rusticated stone a garland and wreath. To the right of the doorway is a large brick chimney with setbacks marked by stone as it ascends above the roof line. The windows are rectangular, and, except for the third story, they are one over one with transoms. Two windows on the first floor have been glass-blocked.

A small square window is set in each gable near the peak. A panel of blind brick arches (corbelling?) about 4 feet high, marks the third story on both sides of the chimney and continues to the left of the dormer window situated between the two gables on the front.

~~This is a most interesting looking building.~~

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE 1209 ST. PAUL ST.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0	'	"		0	'	"	
NE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SW	0	'	"		0	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification: 22' by ~~122'~~ 122'5"

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Cleora Thompson, Neighborhood Survey Coordinator	
ORGANIZATION THE COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION	DATE
STREET AND NUMBER: CITY HALL	
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE

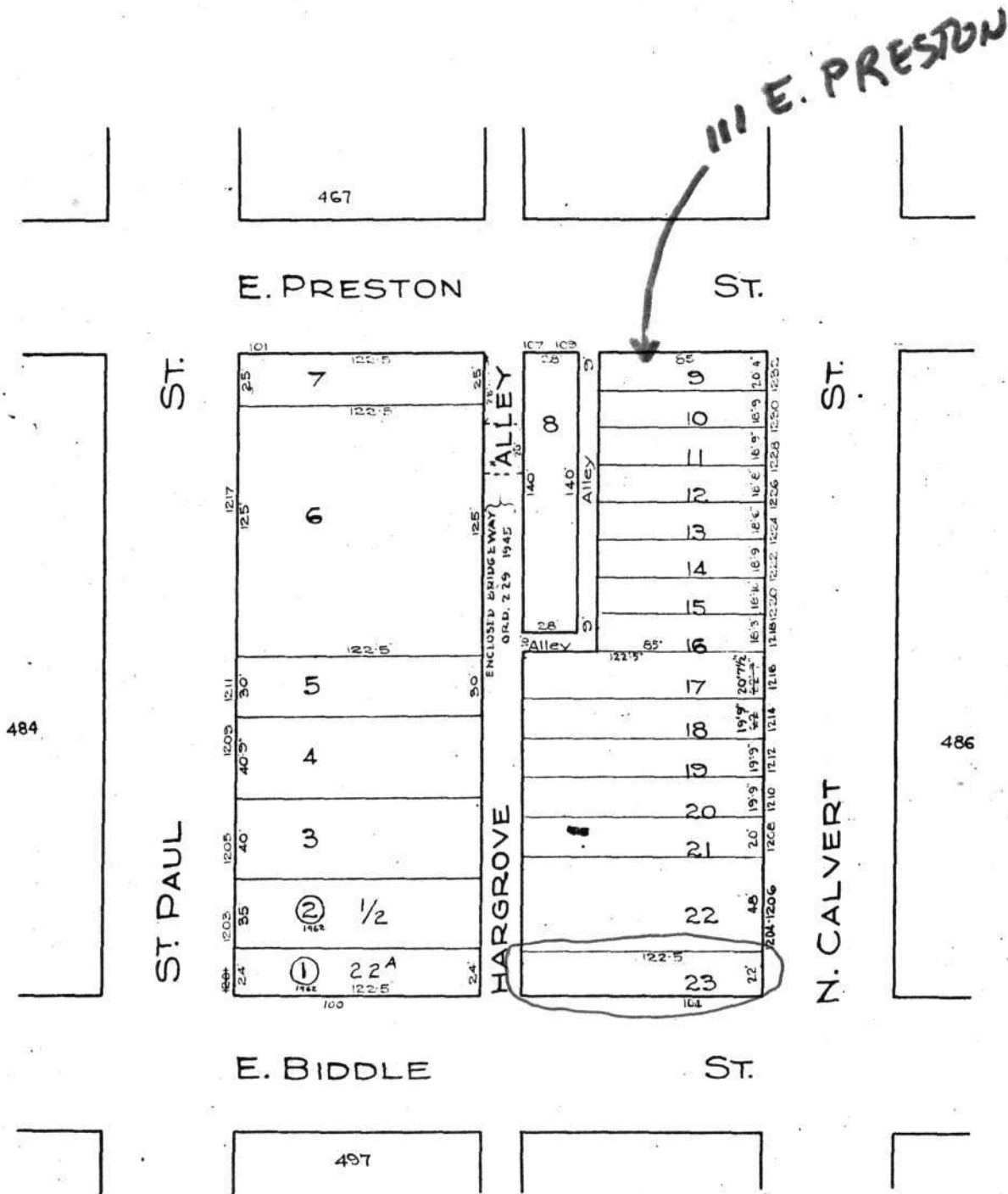
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

REVISIONS
 Lots 17 & 18 CORRECTED PER FIELD & DEEDS C.S. 2176 F.
 Lot 1 Ho. No. Changed Per P.L.D. C.S. 8966A

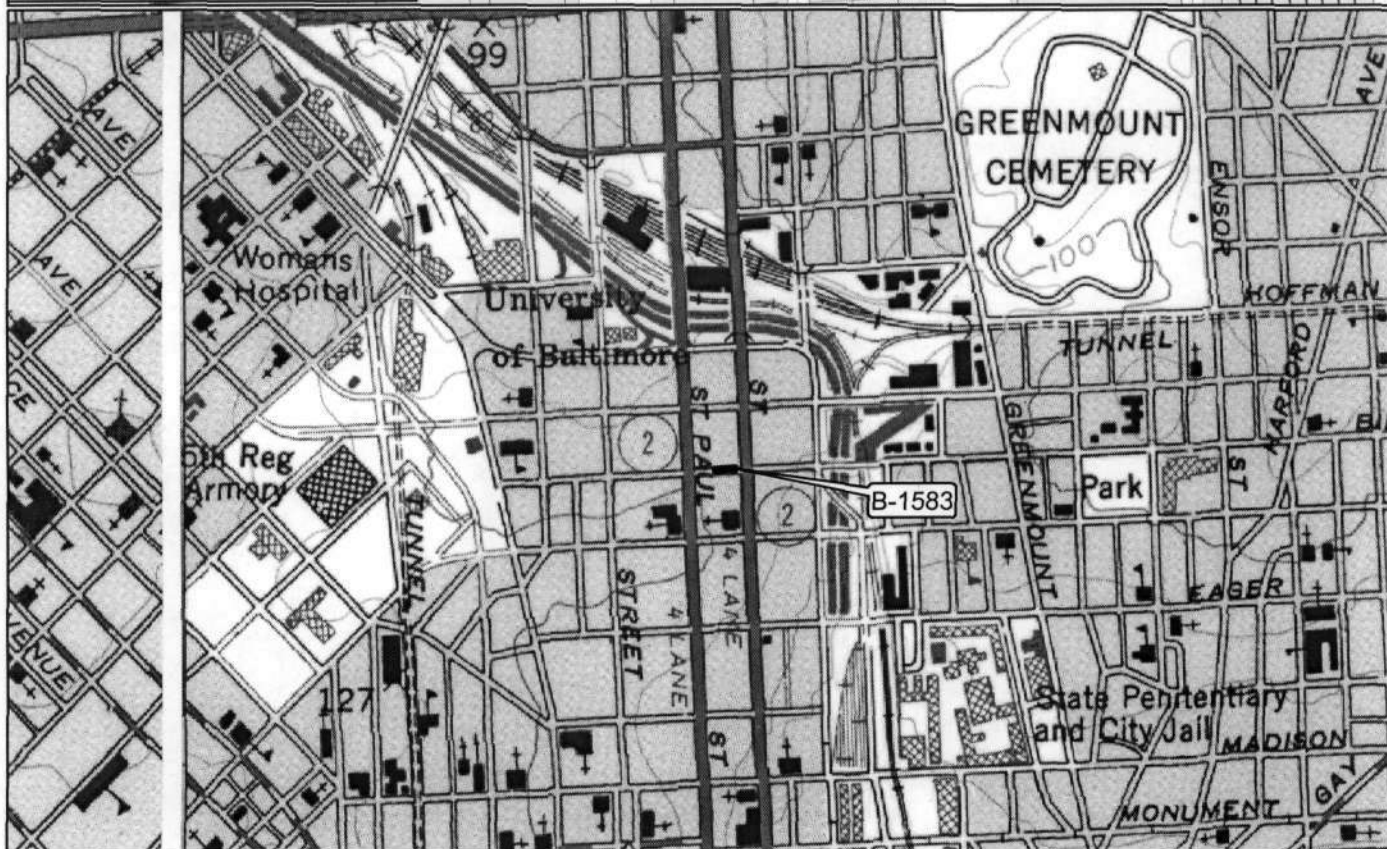
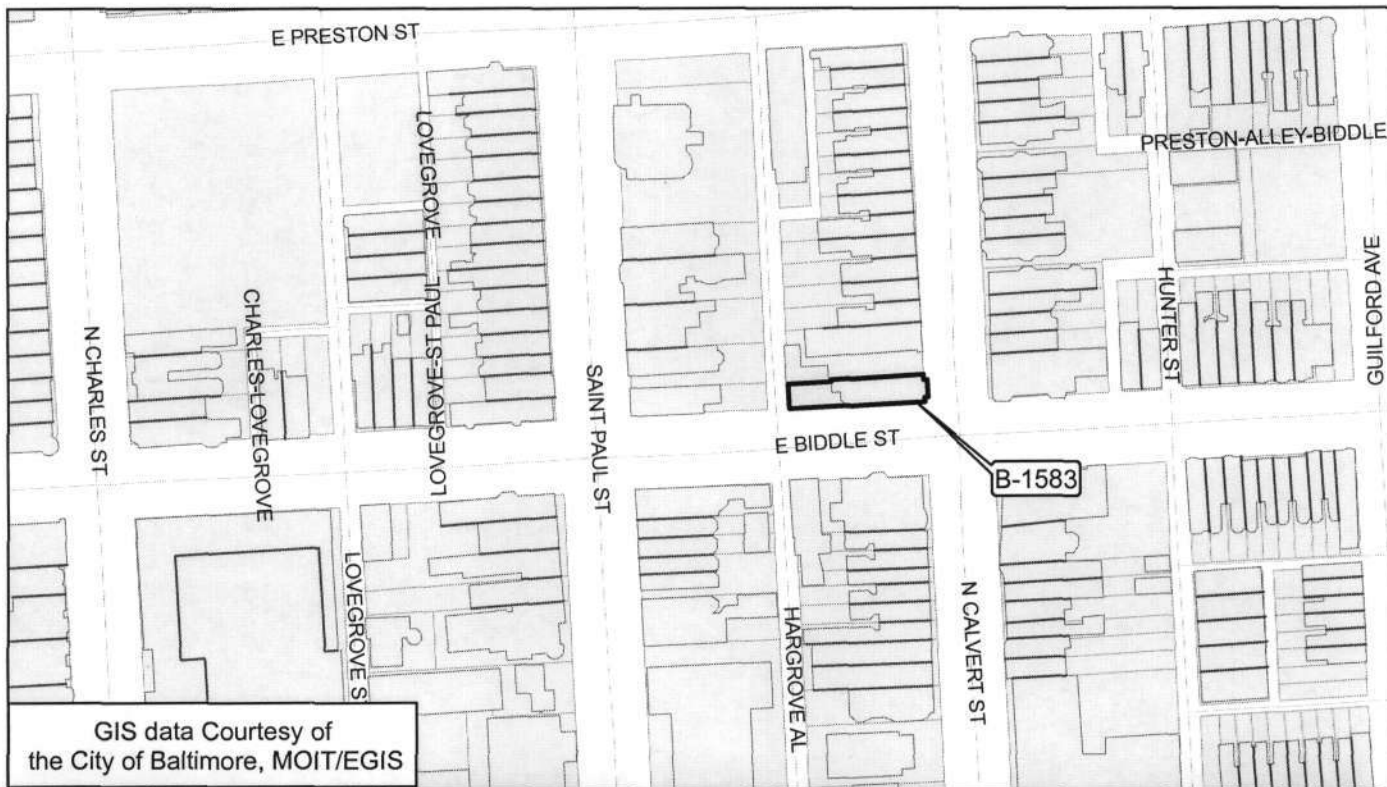


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NOTICE
 THIS IS A REAL PROPERTY MAP AS REQUIRED FOR UNDER ARTICLE 21 OF THE CITY CHARTER. IT IS CORRECTED FROM THE 1990 MAP OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE.

CITY OF BALTIMORE
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 BUREAU OF PLANS & SURVEYS
 PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION
 WARD II SECTION I
 BLOCK 485

B-1583
104 E. Biddle Street
Block 0485, Lot 023
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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